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MEMORANDUM FOR: SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE
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DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, GENERAL STAFF,
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DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE
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DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, ATOMIC ENERGY
COMMISSION
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, JOINT INTELLIGENCE GROUP,
JOINT STAFF
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SUBJECT: Reports of the Joint Nuclear Energy Intelligence
Committee

REFERENCE: (a) Statements of Generals Todd and Cabell at
the 22 July IAC Meeting
(b) Enclosed Memorandum of 28 July to DCI from
General Cabell

1. The JNEIC has been giving consideration to the matter of IAC approval of the reports prepared by the interdepartmental JNEIC, with a view towards complying with the requests in the above-mentioned references, as indicated in the Recommended Procedures listed below.

2. Kindly notify me if these suggestions meet with your approval or if you wish to have further IAC discussion thereon.

DISCUSSION

As part of the working arrangement for production of coordinated national scientific intelligence, it has been the belief of CIA that concurrences and non-concurrences of working committee members (for example, those on the JNEIC) are, in principle, concurrences or non-concurrences of the agencies or departments represented.

If there is reason to believe that the representation of the various departments and the relationships of this representation are such as to permit of error or incomplete expression of the point of

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view of the department or agency, it is suggested that (1) suitable internal arrangements be made to establish a representative on the working committee with authority to concur or non-concur, or (2) that agency procedures be established internally whereby the representative (on the JNEIC) will obtain his agency's approval or disapproval of a draft before he concurs or non-concurs therein.

When a report is to receive formal concurrence the degree of intra-departmental coordination necessary will vary and is considered to be a matter of only individual departmental policy. It is recognized, however, that no established mechanism exists for coordinating formal concurrence with the IAC member from the Joint Intelligence Group, so it is recommended that CIA or the AEC member in his dual capacity as member for the AEC of the JNEIC and of the IAC could advise the Joint Staff representative of the IAC on matters of JNEIC concern of sufficient importance to warrant formal concurrence. Through this mechanism the Joint Staff can make known its desires before the report is issued. I should appreciate having the views of the JIG member on this.

The Committee believes that the recommended procedure includes adequate provision for expression of an unresolved difference of opinion under the terms of paragraph (3) which it interprets to mean that in such a circumstance a report could be prepared stating explicitly the dissenting opinion, which would then be formally concurred in by all members of the Committee by the normal procedure.

The following procedure has been formally concurred in by all members of the JNEIC with the exception of the representative of the Department of the Army who is temporarily out of Washington.

RECOMMENDED PROCEDURE FOR FORMAL CONCURRENCE OF JNEIC REPORTS

In order that the responsibilities of the members of the IAC may be fulfilled in a manner satisfactory to them, in connection with the preparation and issuance of formal reports and estimates by the Joint Nuclear Energy Intelligence Committee; the JNEIC recommends that the IAC approve the following procedures:

(1) When formal concurrence is required on a JNEIC report a copy of the final draft of the proposed report will be prepared in CIA by NSA/OSI and circulated to members of the JNEIC for comment or formal approval.

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(2) Upon receipt of formal concurrence from all members of the JNEIC, in accordance with the established procedures of their agencies, NEB/OSI will prepare copies of the report for distribution by CIA as appropriate.

(3) Should unanimous concurrence not be achieved on the first circulated draft, the JNEIC will meet to resolve the difficulties and, as a result of this meeting, a second draft will be circulated for formal concurrence as in (1) above.

(4) When a report has been formally concurred in by the JNEIC, all copies of the published report will bear the statement: "This report has been prepared by the Joint Nuclear Energy Intelligence Committee which is composed of representatives of the Departments of State, Army, Navy, and Air Force, the Atomic Energy Commission, and the Central Intelligence Agency, and has received formal concurrence of the participating agencies."

Signed - disp with ER 9/22.

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Director of Central
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Memo from Gen. Cabell
dated 28 July 1949

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Reports of the Joint Nuclear Energy Intelligence Committee

1. The Joint Nuclear Energy Intelligence Committee was constituted as a working level group by a joint agreement, dated 31 December 1947, signed by Rear Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter, Director of Central Intelligence; Lieutenant General S. J. Chamberlin, Director of Intelligence, U. S. Army; Rear Admiral T. B. Inglis, Director of Naval Intelligence; and Major General G. C. McDonald, Director of Intelligence, USAF. Other members have been added since that time.
2. The estimates prepared by this group are of vital importance to the national security of the United States.
3. It is recommended that all future reports of the JNEIC be considered and acted upon by the IAC before finalization and circulation, in order that the IAC members might have the opportunity of fulfilling their respective responsibilities.

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